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## HITS INEFFICIENT OPERATION OF MINISTRY OF SHALE AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

[Figures in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

There are a number of serious defects in the operations of the Ministry of the Shale and Chemical Industry. In the first place, the ministry did not complete the 1949 gross-production plan. Secondly, the enterprises of the ministry do not adequately utilize their manpower and their available mechanical devices. The ministry has improved its work somewhat during 1950 but still has not eliminated defects.

During 1949 the "Kiviyli" Combine did particularly unsatisfactory work.(1) It has now overcome this lag and is at present fulfilling its quota. "Vivikond" Mine and mines No 6 and 10 are increasing their working tempo each month.(2) Shale workers in Mine No 10 are hampered in their efforts to step up their efficiency by a mine administration which does not create the necessary conditions for raising labor productivity and increasing shale mining. Particularly, the electric locomotives which are used for shipping shale operate inefficiently and are idle far too long on each shift.(3)

"Kyutteyyu" Mine, the outstanding shale mine in Yykhvi Uyezd, is striving to complete the 5-year program by the tenth anniversary of the Estonian SSR and has already almost reached its goal.(2)

The work of the "Kyava-2" Mine of the Estonianets Combine has been sharply deteriorating during 1950. For several months this mine has failed to complete its quota and now owes the state many thousands of tons of shale. Its fine technical equipment is not being utilized fully. Cutting machines, scraper and belt conveyers, and electric locomotives are often idle because of technical defects or as a result of poor organization of work at the mine faces.

However, the "Kukruse" Mine of the same combine has long since overcome its own lag and is exceeding the plan month by month. Here it has been possible to reorganize work at the mine faces and utilize equipment and other inner resources to good advantage.(4)

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Mechanized section No 7, the largest in the "Kukruse" Mine, reported fulfillment of the 6-month plan by 9 June. Work in this section is completely mechanized. Heavy conveyers have been installed and old cutters have been replaced by new ones with double capacity. Blasting methods have been perfected and lighting and mine ventilation improved.(5)

Workers of the Ub'ya Mine exceeded the May plan. Labor productivity and the quality of the shale mined are improving from day to day. Workers have pledged to deliver 1,400 tons of shale above the 7-month plan by 21 July and are honorably keeping their word. The mine is abundantly supplied with modern USSR equipment. Sister republics have sent Soviet-made mechanical devices such as electric drills and belt conveyers.(6)

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